

**Benjamin H. Latrobe, Surveyor of the Public Buildings
to Thomas Jefferson, May 5, 1805, from Thomas
Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K.
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Latrobe to Jefferson THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Wilmington, Del., May 5, 1805.

Dear Sir: I herewith transmit to you two sheets containing the drawing of the buildings proposed to connect the President's house with the public offices on each side. The height of the story indispensably necessary in the fireproof of the Treasury, of which I by this post also transmit a plan to the Secretary of the Treasury, as well as the general appearance and the connection of the colonnade with the offices at different heights, have induced or rather forced me to make the colonnade of the exact height of the basement story. This throws up the blocking course to the window of the President's house and gets over all difficulties.

[B. H. Latrobe]

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